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SUBJ: PURPORTED SALE OFFER OF U-235

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1. DAVID OAKLEY, RYPA SCIENTIST WHO WAS PART OF INTERNATIONAL TEAM CONDUCTING POLLUTION EXPERIMENTS ON NEPALESE SIDE OF HIMALAYAS, VISITED BARC WITH USAEC SCI REP. DURING DRIVE TO TROMBAY, OAKLEY REPORTED THAT WHILE IN KATHMANDU IN EARLY OCTOBER, AMERICAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL REPORTED TO HIM THAT QUOTE NEPALESE WHO WAS RELATED TO NEPALESE AMBASSADOR ABROAD HAD APPROACHED AMERICAN EMBASSY MAN WITH SMALL BAR OF GREY METAL CLAIMING MATERIAL WAS URANIUM AND OFFERING IT FOR SALE UNQUOTE. USAEC SCI REP IS AWARE ONLY OF BROWN POWDER REPUTED TO BE URANIUM IN EARLY OCTOBER OFFERED TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, KATMANDU BY A NEPALESE BUSINESSMAN. BECAUSE OF EARLY OCTOBER DATE, THIS APPEARED TO BE THE INITIAL PURPORTED SALE.

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2. THE QUESTION OF METALLIC URANIUM WAS BROUGHT UP WITH DAE CHAIRMAN SETHNA. SETHNA RECALLS THAT WHEN A GENERAL DYNAMICS INDONESIAN GARUDA AIRLINES CORONADO CRASHED NEAR BOMBAY, DEPLETED URANIUM WEIGHTS USED FOR TRIMMING CRAFT WERE BROUGHT TO DAE FOR PROPER DISPOSAL BECAUSE OF USAEC MARKINGS. USAEC SCI REP FEELS THAT RECENT BOEING AIRCRAFT WHICH CRASHED POSSIBLY ALSO USING DEPLETED URANIUM FOR AIRCRAFT TRIM/STABILIZATION. SUCH MATERIAL OFFERED FOR SALE WOULD, OF COURSE, CONFORM WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL TESTS FOR URANIUM SINCE IT IS, INDEED, URANIUM. HOWEVER, BY DEFINITION, IT WOULD BE DEPLETED IN U-235.

3. BELIEVE GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUCH DEPLETED URANIUM TRIM WEIGHTS USED BY SUCCESSOR GENERAL DYNAMICS AND BY BOEING MIGHT BE USEFUL US.

4. IF YOU PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION, PLEASE FORWARD TO USAEC DIP GERMANTOWN, ACTION A. S. FRIEDMAN, DIRECTOR, DIP/FROM PINAJIAN.
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